

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND FUND
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**ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT
COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number: 811-05133

Putnam High Income Bond Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Post Office Square

Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 292-1000

Date of Fiscal year-end: 8/31/2005

Date of reporting period: 7/1/2004 - 6/30/2005

Item 1. Proxy Voting Record

Account Number: Putnam High Income Opportunities Trust

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The following proxy voting record relates to Putnam High Income Opportunities Trust, which merged

ISSUER NAME	TICKER	CUSIP	MTG DATE	MTG TYPE		
			Proposal Type	Voted	Vote	For/Agnst Mgmt
<i>Alderwoods</i>						
<i>Group</i>	<i>AWGI</i>	<i>014383103</i>	<i>4/28/05</i>	<i>Annual</i>		
<i>Inc</i>						
1.01	Elect Lloyd E. Campbell		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Anthony G. Eames		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Charles M. Elson		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect David R. Hilty		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Paul A. Houston		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Olivia F. Kirtley		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect John S. Lacey		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect William R. Riedl		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect W. MacDonald Snow Jr		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Adopt employee stock purchase plan		MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
3.00	Adopt Stock Incentive Plan		MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
<i>Arch</i>						
<i>Wireless</i>	<i>WIN</i>	<i>039392709</i>	<i>11/8/04</i>	<i>Special</i>		
<i>Inc</i>						
1.00	Approve Merger/Acquisition		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
<i>Celanese</i>						
<i>Corp</i>	<i>CE</i>	<i>150870103</i>	<i>6/1/05</i>	<i>Annual</i>		
1.01	Elect Hanns Ostmeier		MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect James Quella		MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.03	Elect Daniel S. Sanders		MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
<i>Covad</i>						
<i>3COVD</i>	<i>222814204</i>	<i>6/9/05</i>	<i>Annual</i>			
<i>Communications</i>						

Group

1.01	Elect Charles E. Hoffman	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Charles McMinn	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Crown

Castle CCI 228227104 5/26/05 Annual
International Corp

1.01	Elect Dale N. Hatfield	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Lee W. Hogan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Robert F. McKenzie	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Robert E. Garrison II	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Emmis

Communications 291525202 6/13/05 Special
Corp

1.00	Amend authorized preferred stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
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Globix Corp

3GBXX 37957F200 3/7/05 Special

1.00	Approve common stock issuance	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
	Approve merger/acquisition				
2.00	Adjourn meeting	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Globix Corp

3GBXX 37957F200 6/13/05 Annual

1.01	Elect Peter K. Stevenson	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect Wayne Barr Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Jose A. Cecin Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Stephen E. Courter	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect John Forsgren	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Peter L. Herzig	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Steven Lampe	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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1.08	Elect Steven G. Singer	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Raymond L. Steele	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	ABSTAIN	AGNST

iPCS Inc ***IPCX*** ***44980Y305*** ***6/30/05*** ***Annual***

1.00	Approve merger/acquisition	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Approve non-technical charter amendments	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.01	Elect Timothy M. Yager	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.02	Elect Timothy C. Babich	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.03	Elect Donald L. Bell	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.04	Elect Eugene I. Davis	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.05	Elect Eric F. Ensor	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.06	Elect James J. Gaffney	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.07	Elect Kevin M. Roe	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
4.00	Add shares to the 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
5.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Knology Inc ***KNOL*** ***499183804*** ***5/24/05*** ***Annual***

1.01	Elect Eugene I. Davis	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Rodger L. Johnson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Campbell B. Lanier III	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Leucadia National Corp ***LUK*** ***527288104*** ***5/17/05*** ***Annual***

1.01	Elect Ian M. Cumming	MGMT	NO		
1.02	Elect Paul M. Dougan	MGMT	NO		
1.03	Elect Lawrence D. Glaubinger	MGMT	NO		
1.04	Elect Alan J. Hirschfield	MGMT	NO		
1.05	Elect James E. Jordan	MGMT	NO		
1.06	Elect Jeffrey C. Keil	MGMT	NO		
1.07		MGMT	NO		

	Elect Jesse Clyde Nichols III		
1.08	Elect Joseph S. Steinberg	MGMT	NO
2.00	Increase authorized common stock	MGMT	NO
3.00	Amend annual bonus plan	MGMT	NO
4.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	NO

PCI

**Chemicals
Canada
Inc**

693204AC3 6/24/05

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	The proposed amendments to the				
1.00	Indenture is to modify certain defined terms of the Indenture	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Polymer

**Group 3POLGA
Inc**

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1.01	Elect Pedro A. Arias	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.02	Elect Ramon Betolaza	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.03	Elect Lap Wai Chan	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.04	Elect William B. Hewitt	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.05	Elect Eugene Linden	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.06	Elect James A. Ovenden	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.07	Elect James L. Schaeffer	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.08	Elect Michael Watzky	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Amend Stock Incentive Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST
	Adopt the Short Term				
3.00	Incentive compensation Plan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
4.00	Adopt the 2005 Stock Option Plan	MGMT	YES	AGNST	AGNST

**Putnam
Prime
Money
Market**

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Special

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Fund

1.01	Elect Trustee J.A. Baxter	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Trustee E.T. Kennan	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Trustee C.B. Curtis	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Trustee J.H. Mullin, III	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Trustee M.R. Drucker	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Trustee R.E. Patterson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Trustee C.E. Haldeman, Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect Trustee G. Putnam, III	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Trustee J.A. Hill	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.10	Elect Trustee A.J.C. Smith	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.11	Elect Trustee R. J. Jackson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.12	Elect Trustee W.T. Stephens	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.13	Elect Trustee P.L. Joskow	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.14	Elect Trustee R.B. Worley	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to borrowing	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.01	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to making loans	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.02	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to diversification of investments	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.03	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to issuance of senior securities	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A

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2.04	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to purchasing or selling options, puts, calls, straddles and spreads	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.05	Amend fund's fundamental investment restriction with respect to investments in commodities	MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
3.00	Amend fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Rural

Cellular Corp	781904305	5/24/05	Annual		
1.01	Elect Ann K. Newhall	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect George M. Revering	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Don C. Swenson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Solectron Corp

SLR	834182107	1/13/05	Annual		
1.01	Elect William A. Hasler	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Michael R. Cannon	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Richard A. D'Amore	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect H. Paulett Eberhart	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Heinz K. Fridrich	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect William R. Graber	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Paul R. Low	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect C. Wesley M. Scott	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Cyril J. Yansouni	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Sterling Chemicals

3SCH1	859166100	4/15/05	Annual		
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Inc

1.05	Elect Richard K. Crump	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.06	Elect Marc S. Kirschner	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
1.07	Elect Peter Ting Kai Wu	MGMT	YES	WHOLD	AGNST
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
3.00	Increase authorized common stock	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Sun

Healthcare
Group **SUNH** **866933401** **5/19/05** **Annual**
Inc

1.01	Elect Gregory S. Anderson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Tony M. Astorga	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Christian K. Bement	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Steven M. Looney	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Richard K. Matros	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Milton J. Walters	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Ratify selection of auditors	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

USA

Mobility **SMO** **90341G103** **5/18/05** **Annual**
Inc

1.01	Elect David Abrams	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect James V. Continenza	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Nicholas A. Gallop	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Vincent D. Kelly	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Brian O'Reilly	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Matthew Oristano	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect William E. Redmond Jr.	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect Samme Thompson	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Royce Yudkoff	MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

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			Proposal Type	Voted	Vote	
<i>Putnam Prime Money Market Fund</i>		746763432	11/11/04	Special		
1.01	Elect Trustee J.A. Baxter		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.02	Elect Trustee E.T. Kennan		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.03	Elect Trustee C.B. Curtis		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.04	Elect Trustee J.H. Mullin, III		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.05	Elect Trustee M.R. Drucker		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.06	Elect Trustee R.E. Patterson		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.07	Elect Trustee C.E. Haldeman, Jr.		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.08	Elect Trustee G. Putnam, III		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.09	Elect Trustee J.A. Hill		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.10	Elect Trustee A.J.C. Smith		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.11	Elect Trustee R. J. Jackson		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.12	Elect Trustee W.T. Stephens		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.13	Elect Trustee P.L. Joskow		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
1.14	Elect Trustee R.B. Worley		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.00	Amend fund s fundamental investment restriction with respect to borrowing		MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.01	Amend fund s fundamental investment restriction with respect to making loans		MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.02	Amend fund s fundamental investment restriction with respect to diversification of investments		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR
2.03	Amend fund s fundamental investment restriction with respect to issuance of senior securities		MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.04	Amend fund s fundamental investment restriction with respect to purchasing or selling options, puts, calls, straddles and spreads		MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
2.05	Amend fund s fundamental investment restriction with respect to investments in commodities		MGMT	N/A	N/A	N/A
3.00	Amend fund s Agreement and Declaration of Trust		MGMT	YES	FOR	FOR

Any ballot marked 'Abstain' is considered to have been voted. Ballots marked 'Abstain' are considered to be have been voted against management's recommendation, regardless of whether the recommendation is 'For' or 'Against,' except where management has made no recommendation or has recommended that shareholders 'Abstain.'

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Where management has recommended that shareholders 'Abstain' from voting on a ballot item: 1) a ballot marked 'Abstain' is considered to have been voted for management's recommendation to 'Abstain' and 2) a ballot marked 'For' or 'Against' is considered to have been voted against management's recommendation to 'Abstain.'

Where management has made no recommendation on a ballot item, the abbreviation "N/A" is used to denote that there is no applicable recommendation compared to which a vote may be 'For' or 'Against' the recommendation of management.

SIGNATURES:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Putnam High Income Bond Fund

(Registrant)

By /s/ Charles E. Porter, Executive Vice President, Associate Treasurer
and Principal Executive Officer

(Signature & Title)

Date July 28, 2005